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Number of Referrals and IFSP Eligibility Rates by Month

SPOE	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Total	Avg. per Month
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	120	103	153	136	175	172	116	149	120	124	138	143	1,649	137.4
Referrals resulting in IFSP	57	56	63	60	71	73	49	55	48	56	70	54	712	59.3
% that went to IFSP	47.5%	54.4%	41.2%	44.1%	40.6%	42.4%	42.2%	36.9%	40.0%	45.2%	50.7%	37.8%	43.2%	
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	180	193	177	190	245	193	190	200	231	204	226	220	2,449	204.1
Referrals resulting in IFSP	73	78	75	100	106	87	85	73	98	90	93	68	1,026	85.5
% that went to IFSP	40.6%	40.4%	42.4%	52.6%	43.3%	45.1%	44.7%	36.5%	42.4%	44.1%	41.2%	30.9%	41.9%	
Northeast (Reg. 3)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	56	39	63	70	82	77	64	62	49	47	54	64	727	60.6
Referrals resulting in IFSP	25	9	25	26	41	30	31	22	18	18	20	17	282	23.5
% that went to IFSP	44.6%	23.1%	39.7%	37.1%	50.0%	39.0%	48.4%	35.5%	36.7%	38.3%	37.0%	26.6%	38.8%	
Northwest (Reg. 4)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	75	102	90	122	148	119	107	111	103	104	118	99	1,298	108.2
Referrals resulting in IFSP	33	31	38	57	46	43	37	52	51	39	44	49	520	43.3
% that went to IFSP	44.0%	30.4%	42.2%	46.7%	31.1%	36.1%	34.6%	46.8%	49.5%	37.5%	37.3%	49.5%	40.1%	
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	119	136	166	158	216	182	196	168	167	171	187	175	2,041	170.1
Referrals resulting in IFSP	46	52	89	77	97	72	102	77	76	76	76	69	909	75.8
% that went to IFSP	38.7%	38.2%	53.6%	48.7%	44.9%	39.6%	52.0%	45.8%	45.5%	44.4%	40.6%	39.4%	44.5%	
Central (Reg. 6)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	80	96	107	94	125	131	123	112	91	133	123	118	1,333	111.1
Referrals resulting in IFSP	27	24	41	33	45	46	59	32	43	57	55	30	492	41.0
% that went to IFSP	33.8%	25.0%	38.3%	35.1%	36.0%	35.1%	48.0%	28.6%	47.3%	42.9%	44.7%	25.4%	36.9%	
Southwest (Reg. 7)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	56	66	54	53	84	72	69	58	61	91	69	67	800	66.7
Referrals resulting in IFSP	30	27	27	25	36	30	30	23	24	39	30	33	354	29.5
% that went to IFSP	53.6%	40.9%	50.0%	47.2%	42.9%	41.7%	43.5%	39.7%	39.3%	42.9%	43.5%	49.3%	44.3%	
South Central (Reg. 8)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	95	92	137	117	159	143	134	131	116	124	151	159	1,558	129.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	36	34	55	44	55	58	59	44	41	47	62	53	588	49.0
% that went to IFSP	37.9%	37.0%	40.1%	37.6%	34.6%	40.6%	44.0%	33.6%	35.3%	37.9%	41.1%	33.3%	37.7%	
East Central (Reg. 9)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	95	82	123	97	135	111	84	116	116	156	114	141	1,370	114.2
Referrals resulting in IFSP	44	35	59	47	43	47	35	52	53	64	48	63	590	49.2
% that went to IFSP	46.3%	42.7%	48.0%	48.5%	31.9%	42.3%	41.7%	44.8%	45.7%	41.0%	42.1%	44.7%	43.1%	
Southeast (Reg. 10)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	79	86	87	59	116	89	106	92	111	85	76	88	1,074	89.5
Referrals resulting in IFSP	19	39	44	26	62	35	36	42	41	30	31	29	434	36.2
% that went to IFSP	24.1%	45.3%	50.6%	44.1%	53.4%	39.3%	34.0%	45.7%	36.9%	35.3%	40.8%	33.0%	40.4%	
Grand Total - Referrals by SPOE	955	995	1157	1096	1485	1289	1189	1199	1165	1239	1256	1274	14,299	1191.6
Grand Total - Referral resulting in IFSP	390	385	516	495	602	521	523	472	493	516	529	465	5,907	492.3
% that went to IFSP	40.8%	38.7%	44.6%	45.2%	40.5%	40.4%	44.0%	39.4%	42.3%	41.6%	42.1%	36.5%	41.3%	

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child
IFSP counts are unduplicated

Primary Referral Sources and IFSP Eligibility Rates Over Last 12 Months

SPOE	Medical Providers	Social Service Agencies	Early Childhood Programs	Parent
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	710	86	115	738
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	296	30	49	337
IFSP Rate	41.7%	34.9%	42.6%	45.7%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,093	90	159	1,107
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	421	24	55	526
IFSP Rate	38.5%	26.7%	34.6%	47.5%
Northeast (Reg. 3)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	425	71	82	149
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	158	17	25	82
IFSP Rate	37.2%	23.9%	30.5%	55.0%
Northwest (Reg. 4)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	518	52	94	634
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	199	7	39	275
IFSP Rate	38.4%	13.5%	41.5%	43.4%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	910	134	178	819
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	387	32	70	420
IFSP Rate	42.5%	23.9%	39.3%	51.3%
Central (Reg. 6)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	755	155	125	298
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	279	18	45	150
IFSP Rate	37.0%	11.6%	36.0%	50.3%
Southwest (Reg. 7)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	419	80	97	204
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	156	24	46	128
IFSP Rate	37.2%	30.0%	47.4%	62.7%
South Central (Reg. 8)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	749	249	149	411
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	292	36	61	199
IFSP Rate	39.0%	14.5%	40.9%	48.4%
East Central (Reg. 9)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	635	99	137	499
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	257	26	58	249
IFSP Rate	40.5%	26.3%	42.3%	49.9%
Southeast (Reg. 10)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	548	183	1,249	230
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	217	28	492	145
IFSP Rate	39.6%	15.3%	39.4%	63.0%
Grand Total - Primary Referrals (last 12 months)	6,762	1,199	1,249	5,089
Grand Total - Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	2,662	242	492	2,511
IFSP Rate for Each Referral Source	39.4%	20.2%	39.4%	49.3%
% by Source - Statewide	47.3%	8.4%	8.7%	35.6%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child

IFSP counts are unduplicated

Medical Providers include Hospital (other than NICU), Physician (inc. Psych.), Other health care provider, Public Health Facilities/Providers, and NICU.

Social Service Agencies include DMH, DHSS, CAPTA, Homeless Family Shelters, Domestic Violence Shelters/Agencies, and Social Service Agency (inc Foster Care).

Early Childhood Programs include Parents as Teachers, Head Start/Early Head Start, Other LEA program, Child Care Program/Provider, and MSD/MSB.

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Program Eligibility

		Dev. Delay - Half Age	Dev. Delay - ICO*	Medical Condition/Medical Condition - ICO*	Very Low Birth Weight	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	483	78	222	123	906
	Percent	53.3%	8.6%	24.5%	13.6%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	740	144	280	192	1,356
	Percent	54.6%	10.6%	20.6%	14.2%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	195	15	115	36	361
	Percent	54.0%	4.2%	31.9%	10.0%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	411	10	113	54	588
	Percent	69.9%	1.7%	19.2%	9.2%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	719	17	243	127	1,106
	Percent	65.0%	1.5%	22.0%	11.5%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	374	46	173	63	656
	Percent	57.0%	7.0%	26.4%	9.6%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	287	27	78	41	433
	Percent	66.3%	6.2%	18.0%	9.5%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	465	94	149	78	786
	Percent	59.2%	12.0%	19.0%	9.9%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	454	33	193	121	801
	Percent	56.7%	4.1%	24.1%	15.1%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	363	20	119	56	558
	Percent	65.1%	3.6%	21.3%	10.0%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	4,491	484	1,685	891	7,551
	Percent	59.5%	6.4%	22.3%	11.8%	100.0%

* Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Setting*

		Home	Community Setting	Total Natural Environment Setting	Other**	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	848	40	888	3	891
	Percent	95.2%	4.5%	99.7%	0.3%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	1,277	46	1,323	9	1,332
	Percent	95.9%	3.5%	99.3%	0.7%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	333	23	356	2	358
	Percent	93.0%	6.4%	99.4%	0.6%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	533	45	578	0	578
	Percent	92.2%	7.8%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	1,066	26	1,092	0	1,092
	Percent	97.6%	2.4%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	581	63	644	2	646
	Percent	89.9%	9.8%	99.7%	0.3%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	382	51	433	0	433
	Percent	88.2%	11.8%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	708	65	773	0	773
	Percent	91.6%	8.4%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	779	13	792	1	793
	Percent	98.2%	1.6%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	505	50	555	0	555
	Percent	91.0%	9.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	7,012	422	7,434	17	7,451
	Percent	94.1%	5.7%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%

*Does not include children with meetings in ongoing status.

** Other includes Special Purpose Center, Hospital, Residential Facility, and Service Provider Location.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Race

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Total % of Pop.	3.70%	3.96%	3.00%	2.82%	3.16%	3.41%	3.36%	3.34%	3.91%	3.66%	3.46%
Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander*											
% of Pop.	2.22%	2.48%	1.20%	2.28%	1.90%	3.11%	2.54%	1.51%	3.65%	0.53%	2.30%
Black or African American**											
% of Pop.	4.56%	5.28%	4.54%	4.37%	3.31%	5.23%	6.25%	4.54%	6.95%	5.11%	4.63%
White											
% of Pop.	3.46%	3.34%	3.06%	2.68%	3.20%	3.21%	3.30%	3.36%	4.07%	3.14%	3.29%
Native American or Alaska Native											
% of Pop.	0.00%	2.63%	0.00%	0.50%	0.63%	0.52%	0.57%	0.00%	1.23%	0.73%	0.62%

*Census data (2020 US Census Estimates) combines race categories Asian & Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

**Children with two or more races are included in the Black percent of population.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Ethnicity

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Hispanic/Latino											
% of Pop.	3.87%	4.00%	2.33%	3.87%	3.09%	4.48%	3.87%	3.29%	4.30%	3.50%	3.60%
NOT Hispanic/Latino											
% of Pop.	3.69%	3.95%	3.04%	2.73%	3.17%	3.34%	3.29%	3.34%	3.89%	3.67%	3.45%

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP, Last 12 Months

SPOE	Child Deceased	Completion of IFSP	Moved Out of State	Parent Withdrawn/ Withdrawn due to FCP	Pt B Elig in Process	Pt B Inelig Exit to Other/Pt B Inelig Exit w/o Ref	Pt B Ref Refused Parent	Transition to Part B	Unable to Contact/ Locate	Grand Total
Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	0.2%	3.2%	3.2%	12.6%	7.5%	9.9%	6.5%	48.0%	9.0%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Region 2)	0.4%	1.8%	3.7%	10.4%	5.1%	13.3%	5.5%	51.0%	8.7%	100.0%
Northeast (Region 3)	0.9%	0.3%	3.3%	12.1%	5.0%	9.2%	8.6%	58.0%	2.7%	100.0%
Northwest (Region 4)	0.4%	4.1%	4.5%	14.8%	2.2%	7.9%	6.7%	52.3%	7.1%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	0.6%	1.3%	4.6%	12.9%	2.7%	10.6%	7.7%	50.5%	9.2%	100.0%
Central (Region 6)	0.6%	0.4%	2.4%	16.2%	3.7%	13.0%	9.5%	47.4%	6.7%	100.0%
Southwest (Region 7)	0.3%	11.6%	4.4%	16.9%	2.0%	7.8%	7.6%	42.7%	6.7%	100.0%
South Central (Region 8)	0.2%	4.2%	2.9%	20.1%	5.0%	7.5%	8.8%	42.0%	9.4%	100.0%
East Central (Region 9)	0.2%	2.3%	4.9%	12.8%	2.9%	11.9%	5.4%	51.3%	8.3%	100.0%
Southeast (Region 10)	0.8%	0.5%	3.8%	22.1%	4.8%	9.7%	9.4%	40.7%	8.1%	100.0%
Statewide %	0.4%	2.7%	3.8%	14.5%	4.2%	10.4%	7.3%	48.7%	8.0%	100.0%

Percentage = Inactivation Reason/Total for each SPOE

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP can include multiple enrollment periods for one child.